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Spanaway licensed practical nurse suspended on sexual misconduct charges

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has immediately suspended the license of Pierce County Licensed Practical Nurse Michael Van Kirk (LPN.LP.00059992) due to charges of sexual misconduct with a vulnerable adult.

Van Kirk allegedly forced the vulnerable adult to have sexual intercourse with him on multiple occasions. Several of these instances occurred at Van Kirk's home where the victim sometimes stayed. The victim was receiving in-home care services from Van Kirk's wife.

Van Kirk has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges and the suspension.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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